

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are pending. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 4 and 9-12 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3 and 6-8 are allowed and that claims 9-12 would be allowed if the Section 112 issues, discussed below, are overcome.

Claims 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly not reciting method limitations. Although the original limitations were intended to be read as method limitations, to make this more clear, certain limitations have been somewhat rearranged, without in any way changing their scope. That is, the amendments to claims 9-12 simply rearrange the terms to make even more clear that the limitations are method limitations, without narrowing those claims. The rejections of claims 9-12 under Section 112 are believed to have been obviated.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/69033 (Edge et al.). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Edge et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,959,198 (Mitsugi). Amended claim 4 is believed patentable over the cited references for at least the following reasons.

Claim 4 is directed to a terminal device that includes: a GPS receiver receiving a GPS-data from a GPS satellite and outputting the GPS-data; and a data processing device connected to the GPS receiver and receiving the GPS-data from the GPS-receiver. The data processing device extracts a satellite time-data from the GPS-data, executes a correction procedure on the satellite time-data to generate a corrected time-data, and transmits the corrected time-data to a destination on a wireless

communication network. The correction procedure is based on a time delay in communications between the GPS satellite and the GPS receiver. The data processing device adds to the corrected time-data, a priority-data indicative of reliability of the corrected time-data, and transmits the corrected time-data to the destination and, based on the reliability indicated by the priority-data, executes an intermediate correction procedure.

Edge et al. relates to a system that generates timing information in a wireless communications network. In Edge, GPS timing information is received from a satellite, and base stations provide an association between GPS time and local base station time, forwarding the timing association to the mobile terminals of the communications network. Mitsugi is related to a wireless communications system having a GPS timing correction functionality in which reliability data for each device is included together with GPS time information.

However, neither Edge nor Mitsugi teaches or suggests that based on reliability indicated by priority-data, an intermediate correction procedure is executed, as in amended claim 4. For at least this reason, claim 4 is believed patentable over Edge and Mitsugi, taken alone or in combination.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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